S.No.	State	No. of Mills
3.	Andhra Pradesh	6
4.	Kerala	5
5.	Karnataka	4
6.	Gujarat	11
7.	Maharashtra	35
8.	Madhya Pradesh	7
9.	Uttar Pradesh	15
10.	West Bengal	12
11.	Assam	1
12.	Bihar	2
13.	Orissa	1

Discontinuation of MDA

4871. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government stopped the Marketing Development Assistance (MDA) of the Central Government from April, 2000;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) The Government has discontinued the Market Development Assistance (MDA) Scheme in the handloom sector w.e.f. 01.04.2000. However, it is proposed to provide the assistance in a different form for which the details have not been finalised.